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AT THE TIME OF JAMES EARL RAY'S ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP), ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN, THE PENITENTIARY ISSUED A WANTED ORDER FOR ESCAPED CONVICT. THIS WANTED ORDER WAS NUMBERED ZERO ZERO FOUR ONE SIX WHICH SHOWS A PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TAKEN JAN. FOUR, SIXTYSIX, AND ALSO HAS A COMPLETE SET OF FINGERPRINTS. IT IS TO BE NOTED THESE FINGERPRINTS ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH THE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY, ON BUREAU IDENTIFICATION ORDER FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO, ISSUED APRIL TWENTY, LAST. INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM MISSOURI PENAL AUTHORITIES THAT ANOTHER PRISONER, CHARLES JAMES EASLEY FBI NO. FOUR SIX ZERO THREE EIGHT FOUR E ESCAPED FROM MSP SHORTLY AFTER RAY. MSP MADE AN ERROR IN THE FIRST PRINTING OF THE MISSOURI STATE WANTED ORDER IN THAT EASLEY'S FINGERPRINTS WERE INCORRECTLY PLACED ON RAY'S WANTED ORDER. THIS ERROR WAS

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DETECTED A SHORT TIME LATER AND CORRECTED COPIES OF THIS WANTED ORDER WERE SENT OUT BY MSP ON MAY ONE, SIXTYSEVEN. ALSO TO BE NOTED ON THE MISSOURI STATE WANTED ORDER, JAMES EARL RAY'S FBI NO. IS LISTED AS THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A. BUREAU'S IDENTIFICATION ORDER REFLECTS RAY'S FBI NO. AS FOUR ZERO FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G. THE REASON FOR THIS BEING THIS FBI NUMBER WAS ASSIGNED GALT BEFORE IT WAS DETERMINED HE WAS IDENTICAL WITH RAY, AND IT IS CONTINUED TO BE USED ON THE IDENTIFICATION ORDER IN THIS CASE. THEREFORE, JAMES EARL RAY HAS CURRENTLY TWO FBI NUMBERS, NAMELY THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A, AND FOUR ZERO FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G.

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No - only one - the most recent number assigned after consolidation C.L.J. 4-25-68

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